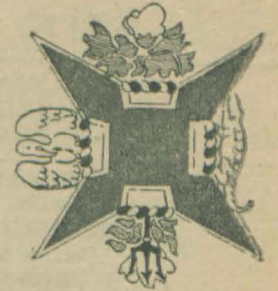




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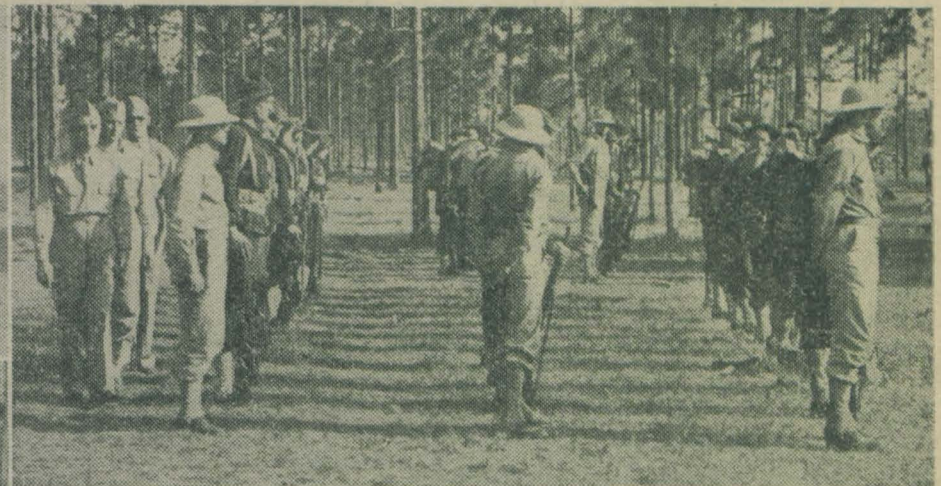
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And Now They Are One



Selectees have been assimilated by their parent units and now soldier with the old troopers. Top left, they parade; top right the General and aides inspect a group on the field. Bottom left, the General questions two who have pitched their pup tents and camouflaged; and bottom right, the trench mortar section (selectees) demonstrated what they have learned about the 81mm trench mortar gun to the General.

FIELD RATIONS MEET APPROVAL AS 1ST WEEK'S TRIAL A SUCCESS

A week of "modified A field rations" has apparently met the appetites and approval of the Dixie Division's 18,000 enlisted men, if comment flowing through the various company and battery streets can be relied upon. This system of rationing became effective by order of the War Department May 1, following five months and five days of the garrison ration system.

To get a clearer insight into the new feeding method, the Dixie's reporter interviewed Colonel Jacob H. Spengler, commanding officer of the 106th Quartermaster regiment, a St. Augustine man, who knows rationing from A to Z. "The 31st Division went on what is called the 'modified A field ration' May 1," he said. "Under the 'modified A field ration' every mess in the Division serves the same items of food at the same meal. If company A, 106th Quartermaster has string beans, rice and steak for supper, every mess in the Division has the same thing. 'Modified' means the government allows each company commander two cents per day per ration to purchase extra food stuffs to keep the various sectional tastes satisfied. It takes

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Wrong Number

Sgt. Peter Fuchs, Hq. Co. 156th Inf., thought something was wrong with the field telephone he was using on a recent command post problem at Camp Blanding. He had been trying to reach regimental headquarters for some fifteen minutes . . . and had almost worn his arm off turning the crank.

When he investigated, he found . . . The bell wasn't working. There weren't any batteries in the phone. The phone wasn't even connected.

"HAPPY"

"Happy," the Bantam rooster mascot of Headquarters Second Battalion, 116th F. A., lost his home recently when he learned to crow.

"Happy" entered army life as a chicken of four months, the pet of Private Ted Sutherland of Bartow, Fla. The little fellow was given a box in his master's tent and sometimes permitted to roost on the end of his bunk. All went well until Happy's voice matured from a weak peep to a lusty crow. In order to get enough sleep Sutherland evicted his valuable mascot from his tent. Now it sleeps out of doors.

Innocent Bystander Again Catches It

Perhaps the reddest face on the extensive CPX maneuvers Tuesday and Wednesday (and it wasn't from the hot sun) was that of Umpire Captain Joseph J. Hill of the 2nd Bn. 116th Field Artillery, who left his gas mask in his headquarters. He became the first casualty of the day when the enemy unleashed its lethal chemical elements.

BIG EVENTS SCHEDULED IN DIXIE AS VISITORS BEGIN POURING IN

The Dixie Division begins its most gala and colorful week-end since mobilization tomorrow (Saturday), all dedicated to Mothers' Day and also to the Dixie Selective Service men who completed their eight weeks of basic training and were absorbed by the various regiments last week. At ten o'clock this morning events will take off to a good start as 14,000 southern lads stage an "all out" parade on the Division's grounds across C Road from Headquarters.

Dance Club Formed In 156th Infantry

"The 156th Infantry Gentlemen's Social Committee" recently organized to engineer social functions of that regiment, mostly dances at the hostess house, announce their officers as follows: Pres. Sgt. Adam Guillory of Co. K; vice-president, Sgt. John Mestayer of Company G; secretary, Sgt. William R. Hensley of company L; treasurer, Sgt. Thomas Knierim of the Medical detachment and reporter, William Gamble of the medical detachment. These officers state that the first dance will be formal, but that a date has not been definitely set.

In the reviewing stand with General John C. Persons will be such dignitaries as Governor of Florida Spessard L. Holland, Governor Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi, and the Adjutants General of three Dixie states. Lt. General Herbert J. Brees, commander of the Third Army, and Major Generals Jay L. Benedict and Morris B. Payne, commanders of the IV Corps Area and the 43rd Division respectively, have accepted invitations to be present. Thousands of other visitors will attend, among them many important military authorities too numerous to mention in the limited space of the "Dixie."

Many plans and programs have been arranged by the regiments (Continued on page four)

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THEY FIT IN

The Editor was saved writing an editorial this week by the simple procedure of glancing through the mail on the copy desk. There lay a note expressing, in the words of a man in the line, what every soldier of the Dixie should feel in order to make our outfit one of the finest fighting organizations in the world. Pvt. First Class Balaguer and DeLoache of Co. F, 124th Infantry say: "The big event we've all awaited has at last come about. Namely, the combining of the old and the new companies. We've all looked forward to it with some anticipation, as well as curiosity as to how smoothly we would function together. Now, after only three days in the field together, we want to offer to you of the new company our sincere appreciation for the way you have fitted in. Frankly, we've hardly noticed the difference. It seems as if you have always been right here with us. We of the old company feel unusually lucky in getting such regular fellows. Our congratulations to the 'selectee trainers'."

THEATRE MEMO

The following is a list of Feature Attractions showing at the 31st Division Theatre during the coming week. Two Performances are available each evening, beginning at 6:30 P. M. and 8:30 P. M. Matinees will begin at 2:00 P. M.

SATURDAY, May 10—DOUBLE FEATURE: "Pier 13" featuring Lloyd Nolan, Lynn Bari, and Douglas Fowley; "Wagon Train" featuring Tim Holt and Ray Whitley. Also Savoy in the Alps.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, May 11 & 12—"Comrade X" featuring Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr. Also Bone Trouble and Paramount News.

TUESDAY, May 13—"Maisie Was A Lady" featuring Ann Sothern, Lew Ayres, and Maureen O'Sullivan. Also Looneytune, RKO Pathe News, and MGM Miniature.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, May 14 & 15—"Victory" featuring Fredric March, Betty Field, and Sir Cedric Hardwicke. Also Paramount News; The March of Time.

FRIDAY, May 16—"Let's Make Music" featuring Bob Crosby and Orchestra and Jean Rogers. Also All the Giant Killer and Unusual Occupations.

SATURDAY, May 17—DOUBLE FEATURE: "Streets of Memories" featuring John McGuire, Lynne Roberts, and Guy Kibbee; "Meet The Wildcat" featuring Ralph Bellamy, Margaret Lindsey, Joseph Schildkraut, and Alen Jenkins.

To Her . . .



Dear Mom:

Just a line to let you know that everything is all right here. Not much news; just learning to be a good soldier and do my job well. I think of you Mom—Now that I'm here, I can realize all the things home and you have meant.

This letter should reach you on Mother's Day, at least I hope it will, but if it is a little late, you can know that I was thinking about you then. I'll go to church Sunday and all the boys will wear their roses red if they have a mother living, white should she have left them.

I wish I could write all those fancy things the poets say, but since I'm just an ordinary boy, learning to be a fighting man, I guess I'll just have to say: Thanks for everything Mom. I hope you will realize just how much that means.

With all my love,

Your Son.

Plural Party

Three privates attached to the Service Battery of the 1st Battalion, 114th Field Artillery, are making ready to celebrate a triple birthday. All friends, the three men—Perry F. Gibson and Harry Springer of Meridian, Miss., and Peter J. French of Laurel, Miss., toast their natal dates on May 13. Gibson is 22, French 23 and Springer 24.

TO MY MOM

By Lt. Joseph C. Bonner
A son of a mother should be proud indeed,
For in his good raising she takes the lead

To bring out the best qualities a man should possess;
To stand by his side when in distress.

May God bless a mother as courageous as mine,
And upon her soul may His beams of happiness shine,
For my Mom deserves the honor and distinction she possesses,
And the best comfort to me is my Mom's caresses.

Millionaire Private

Highly paid private first class Joe White of Service Company, 156th Infantry is probably also Uncle Sam's youngest son. He is fifteen years old and has a third class specialist rating, which makes his pay \$56 per month and his job at the Division Theatre adds another twenty to it making His total pay \$76.

Bars For Stripes

Two enlisted men from the 155th Infantry rose from the ranks to receive commissions this week, and one Second Lt. made the exchange of silver for gold.

Receiving commissions were Sergeant Charles C. Landrum, Company C, who had been acting as recreational officer and Corporal John F. Bondurant, Service Company, 2nd Lt. George N. Searcy, Company C, was promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

No Promotion Here Says Happy Private

His officers ought to know by now that he doesn't want to be corporal says Pfc. Alton McNair, Headquarters Co., 156th Inf. For the third time, McNair has turned down offers of stripes. You've guessed it. He's Pfc. McNair, 3rd class specialist now, making \$56 per payday, and the "promotion" would mean a loss of \$2.00 a month.

Dixie Library Open

Mrs. Elinor Kendall Evans of the 31st Division Library Service Club number one, located on C road just opposite the 156th Infantry Headquarters announces that from Monday, May 5th, the reading room will be opened everyday from 4 P. M. until 10 P. M. Shipments are still arriving on new books and soon there will be plenty of new reading matter available of every kind.



Just by way of proving that the 31st Division has a wide awake Press Section, the following occurrence is related:

Pvt. Wilmer C. Goff, in charge of Dixie Distribution and all mechanical details, accompanied the section on the recent Command Post Problem. After a heavy dinner in the field, the circulation manager decided to catch a slight snooze during the hottest part of the day, so, placing his equipment beside him, a fast nap was begun. Suddenly he was rudely awakened. Some strange creature, seemingly from Mars, had kicked him brutally on the foot, breaking that wonderful dream, and mumbling something in an unintelligible garble. Pvt. Goff screamed shrilly, looked about in a quick survey, and saw a cloud of gas approaching. Never hesitating, he hit his feet running, tore to the edge of a lake and found himself trapped. Luckily, it turned out to be a smoke screen, so he calmly went back and put on his gas mask.

Do you blame Corporal Elmo Henry, Hq. Det., 1st Bn., 156th Inf., for having the-er-uh-blues. His job calls for the task of making out furloughs, and thus far he has delivered at least one to every man in the company—except himself.

Pvt. George W. Holden, 106th Medical Regiment has found a new way of getting rid of the wood ticks during maneuvers through these Florida woods. He burns them with a lighted cigarette, then knocks their heads off when they turn around in surprise.

Remember the Dixie story about Corp. J. D. Benton, Hq. Co., 155th Inf., going home to surprise his girl, then discovering that she had made the trip here to see him. Well, it has an extra kick. He married someone else while at home.

Add-interesting people: Pvt. Mancello Basilico, Hq. Det., 2nd Bn., 156th Inf., a New Orleans presentation to the Division. Former salesman for toiletries and perfumes on a United Fruit Steamer, he would be a welcome addition to the Spanish class. He can read and write five languages; Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese and English. A graduate of Italy's Royal Technological Institute, he has a letter of praise from the Consul-General of Guatemala.

Corp. S. A. Bissell, Hq. Co., 114th F. A., was pressed by an inquisitive private the other day. "What'd we do if Hitler landed?" queried the insistent heckler.

Corporal Bissell took a firm hold on his thoughts, cocked an eye at his tormenter, and replied: "We'd rush down to the beach, display equipment and scare him to death."

'N'how do you like the method this Division used on the last Command Post Exercise to transmit messages to planes. Two ordinary balloons were filled with gas, a string tied to them, and a message attached. Flares were attached at night. The planes came along and picked the messages out of the air with grappling hooks.

That also accounts for the soldier who burped gently and fell in a dead faint while returning from Jax leave when he thought he saw two stars hovering just above his head.

All members of the Press Section were instructed to send at least one story every two hours during the recent Command Post Exercise. Message coming from Pfc. Traylor, covering the 124th Infantry, was as follows: "All interest in this command post centered on farmer's daughter hanging out washing."

Private Charles A. Trammel of the Service Company, 155th Infantry, could play anything—harp, fiddle, guitar—anything; didn't give a darn what. So first Sergeant John Carley decided to send him to bugle school, there to have developed his talents.

Pvt. returned after a week, voicing disapproval of bugles and buglers in general. Sgt. Carley was disappointed and asked what could be the matter with bugles and buglers.

"Sergeant," said the weary private, "the only way you can really bust a buck private is to make a bugler out of him."

Brigade Band Will March

A new band has been formed in the Thirty-First Division! The two regimental bands of the 61st Brigade, the 155th from Mississippi and the 156th from Louisiana, combined this week to form a Brigade band, which will perform for the only time as a unit at the Divisional parade Saturday.

The combined band, made up altogether of 55 men, is under the direction of Mr. George H. Mackie, senior warrant officer of the Thirty-First Division and band leader of the 155th unit.

Rumor Ruins Recent Revelry

When the men of Headquarters Co., 156th Inf., heard that they wouldn't have to work last Saturday, they immediately knew what they were going to do. Twenty-two of them piled into automobiles Friday night and headed for the home town, New Orleans.

Came Monday morning and the sad awakening. Twenty-two of the men of the company were AWOL for Saturday. It was all a rumor . . . the others had worked!

Several States Present In 106 Med. Regiment

Is the 106th Medical Regiment destined to be another "Rainbow Division"? As you older men will recall, the Rainbow boys during the first World War not only were well-known for their fighting ability but the Division was composed of boys from all over the United States.

Our own 106th Medics have dentistry officers from Pennsylvania, medical officers from Pennsylvania, a chaplain from Massachusetts and soon expected to join this regiment will be medics and dentists from Texas.

And, of course, there's a full quota of lads from Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana and other points.

He Shoots The Bull Even On The Range

Pvt. Harlie B. Weatherington selectee from Company I, 124th Infantry, did some real shooting the first time he was ever on the course and the first time that he ever fired the M 1 Garand Rifle. The new soldier shot a score of 49 out of a possible 50 on the 1,000 inch course.

Weatherington who hails from Ft. Pierce was assigned to the machine gun squad of his company and the first time that he had ever fired the machine gun did the fine shooting of 120 out of a possible 128 with only four days of instruction on the machine gun before shooting.

Wrong Beam Rumor - Lie?

We didn't believe it either when we first heard it . . . but the boys of Co. B, 156th Inf., swear that it's true.

Pfc. Leo Ghirardi, of the Morgan City, Louisiana, company, during a recent night "blackout" problem followed what he thought was a light on the back end of a truck for two miles to discover that it was . . . a firefly!

LETTER INSURANCE

Here's the chance of a lifetime boys. No more post mail blues—no more moping because she didn't write; it's letter insurance a young lady is offering, and to make the bargain even greater, not a cent will be charged.

Miss Ann Hauser, Elliot House, Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., writes that she and her friends will be glad to exchange letters with soldiers of this Division. They promise to answer as soon as possible, but you'd better hurry before the rush starts. And they boast that their institution is famous for beautiful women.

So, now it won't matter if the gal at home forgets. You can have your choice of lovelies, and, who knows, perhaps the Dixie will soon be starting an advice to the Lovelorn column. But don't put too much in writing.

And she had a pair of answers from the Dixie Office within the first two days.

Buck To Toppy In One Easy Day

A record of some kind has been set by Sergeant Simon H. Shiff, headquarters detachment, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry. He enlisted as a buck private one morning, and the next day found himself First Sergeant of the company.

It came about this way: The old headquarters detachment had ceased to exist several years back, but when induction arrived, the table of organization called for a company of men from Meadville, Miss. Thirty-nine men were quickly recruited, 11 of them immediately becoming non-commissioned officers.

Pet Replaced By Friendly Stranger

Two soldiers of Company D, 124th Infantry, Corp. Harold Doker and Pvt. Rex E. LaForest, who lost their pet German police dog "Dixie" last week here at camp, pulled into a filling station in Jacksonville last week-end and were telling the station manager about their hard luck. To their surprise, the good hearted operator said that he had a dog that he would gladly give them, so the soldiers have a new dog to take the place of their lost one. They still would like to have their old pal back also, to run around as company for the new found friend.

Air Corps Calls But Can't Decide

Henry A. Rosenbury, 23, a private in Service and Ammunition Battery, First Battalion, 116th Field Artillery, can become a flying cadet in the Army Air Corps and eventually be a second lieutenant—but he can't make up his mind.

He recently received a letter from the Adjutant General's office in Washington congratulating him on his successful completion of a C. A. A. flying course he took at home in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was requested to join the air corps. He has two years college credits from Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., and 70 hours of flying. He's thinking it over.

Beans Still Top In Ala. Infantry

Men of the 167th Infantry, following the army tradition, eat more beans than any other food, a recent interview of a cook in each of fourteen companies showed. Nine of the fourteen outfits eat more beans. The remaining five preferred meat, which was also the second choice food of the nine bean eaters. The survey also found that each of the cooks interviewed considered himself a specialist in preparing a certain dish.

"Chaplain's Herald" Newest Publication

"The Chaplain's Herald," an eight page magazine publication printed on highly glossed book paper and in colors is edited and published by Chaplain Lt. A. T. Noland of the 106th Medical Regiment. The Chaplain is from Plantersville, Alabama and the publication is for the enlisted men of his regiment, monthly, volume 1, No. 1 appearing about two weeks ago. Chaplain Noland has a great reputation with his men for "patting them on the back" and working shoulder to shoulder with them. First issue of the Herald is dedicated to Mothers' Day and festivities commemorating this period.

Art Studies Open To Dixie Soldiers

The Jacksonville Art Center, 311 Duval Street, opposite the Postoffice, opens its doors every Saturday and Sunday to Camp Blanding soldiers and cordially invite them to take advantage of their many facilities for rest and recreation. They have writing rooms, a library, piano, radios, mechanical organ and other items, and (which will interest soldiers most of all!) serve refreshments to men in uniform free of charge. They do not charge soldiers for any of their services.

Non-Coms Feed At Colonel's Expense

Tuesday night 110 non-commissioned officers of the 124th Infantry were guests of their commanding officer, Colonel Fred A. Safay, at a barbecue supper in the open area near the 124th officers mess. The non-coms were those who assisted in the instruction of the Selective Service trainees absorbed into the regiment last week. In a brief speech, Captain Frank Whiddon, Co. F. Commander, praised the men for their work in teaching the new soldiers. The delicious barbecue was prepared by Pvt. Robert Hilfer, of Co. A, steward in the officers mess.

Rough Old Sergeant Causes Confusion

Note to Private Charles S. White, Hdq., Detachment, 2nd Bat., 156th Inf. . . . When the Top Sarge jerks your rifle away from you on inspections, he isn't mad at you, he's just being a good inspecting officer.

When 1st Sgt. John C. Dusing, conducting a rifle inspection, snapped the rifle away from Pvt. White, White became so frightened that he dropped it when it was returned to him. Result: confinement to quarters for poor drilling.

ENGINEERS SHOW ALA. INFANTRY HOW TO HANDLE WATER HAZARD

A combat tactic, new to the 31st Division, was put into action for the first time Thursday on the beach of Kingsley Lake, by Col. Walter M. Thompson, commander of the 167th Infantry Regiment.

Col. Thompson states that on a recent field problem it became necessary for his troops to cross a stream of some width, and that a lack of this sort of experience was readily noticeable. The exercises Thursday were to give the men an introduction to this important phase of movement.

Mother Nature Gives Free Fly Trap

When 1st Sgt. Charles Vieullemot, Co. G, 156th Inf., says "There ain't no flies on me" you can be pretty sure it's true.

In his tent Sgt. Vieullemot has a cup-shaped plant which he found in the nearby woods that keeps his room free from insects of all kinds . . . by eating them!

Men of the company are trying to identify the plant.

156th Band Gives Radio Broadcast

A program of popular music and light classics was presented by members of the 156th regimental band over the Silver Springs radio station at Ocala Sunday in an hour-long broadcast.

Twenty-seven bandmen, three trucks, and a detail from the medical detachment of the regiment made the trip to the resort, where the convoy detrucked and viewed the tourist attractions in the city.

Played on the program were Safranek's "Atlantis" and the "A Manx Overture," by Hayden Wood.

Date Bureau A La Convoy

You don't have to meet girls to get dates says Pvt. George Vicknair, 156th Infantry band.

On the band trip to Silver Springs last Sunday, Vicknair tossed out several very self-complimentary notes to pretty girls along the way.

The pay-off came this week. Vicknair to date had received three invitations to come to the town and look the girls up.

Pvt. Donald Duck In 156th Inf.

Most famous Donald Duck impersonator in Camp Blanding is Pvt. Raymond Hartman, Headquarters Co., 156th Inf., from New Orleans. Hartman's fame is such that now all of his letters are addressed to "Pvt. Donald Duck, Headquarters Co., 156th Inf."

Hartman has appeared on the stage in his home town, New Orleans, Louisiana, and has won several contests with his impersonations.

124th Has Rifle Team Training Now

Members of the Co. F, 124th Infantry rifle team are preparing for the annual state rifle matches, to be held in Winter Haven the 17th and 18th of this month. The company has participated for the past several years and is expecting to again make an outstanding showing.

Working with the 167th team was Company F of the 106th Engineers, which is the regularly assigned support for the regiment. Engineers manned boats for the troops and with each boat was a crew of two who instructed nine infantrymen in the propelling of the craft with paddles. Motors also may be attached.

The infantrymen carried rifles and side-arms (in actual maneuvers would carry full packs). A full company was put on the stream at the time, the infantrymen and engineers carrying the boats at a full "gallop" out to water deep enough, then, without breaking speed, the infantrymen climbed in, grabbed paddles and were off. Going out into the lake several hundred feet the boats turned and came back. (In crossing a stream in combat the engineers would return the craft, taking nine more riflemen across quickly).

In the same demonstration the engineers constructed a "foot board" bridge out into the lake to a pier 100 yards. This was finished and troops were running across with full equipment within twenty minutes after the first cable was strung. This light bridge is supported on pontoons and is a floating affair. Soldiers run at full speed at intervals of a few feet, but must not crowd. In this manner a whole regiment can be transported across a stream in a matter of a few minutes.

Another method of crossing streams exercised at the same time was ferrying troops across on a huge ferry constructed by using large barges for pontoons. This also was finished within a very short time. Officers and non-commissioned officers directed operations, paying very close attention to and amending errors. Extensive drill in this is expected, with the facilities available on the nearby lake.

If The Enemy Suits

The umpires and officers on the extensive CPX of this week had their fun with Capt. Patrick Noland, Chaplain, attached to the 116th Field Artillery. Father Noland was called from sleep to administer the last rites to a "casualty" at 12:30 a. m., and the following morning was requested to direct services for three parachutists scheduled for execution. When asked their names, Col. Alexander G. Paxton, commanding officer of the 114th F. A., replied, without batting an eye, "Hart, Schaffner and Marx."

Wedding Bells

To be married . . . Top Kick Jerry Lagneaux, Co. H, 156th Inf., from Lafayette, La., to Miss Eunice LaBlanc, of Scott, La., in Jacksonville Sunday.

Practice Given 31st Headquarters In New Moves

On another CPX (command post exercise) this week the Division's infantry regiments and their supporting artillery; supporting air forces and mechanized units (part of it theory) engaged in a terrific battle. This, says General Persons, is the first of six similar exercises to be gone into thoroughly in the immediate future, the other five to come within the next thirty days.

This particular problem was planned by Colonel A. G. Paxton and his assistants. General Persons stated that the exercise was thoroughly prepared and could well be used as a pattern for other similar maneuvers.

The message center, or communications seems to be one of the most important units of the organization. Communications were made by radio, telephone, runner and telegraph. Telephone lines were quickly strung from rear posts to the forward command post. Telephones were placed in the offices of the different departments. Observation planes (theoretical) combat planes were used extensively. Planes were communicated with by radio and by actual exchange during flight of written messages, planes dropping them and using devices for picking up suspended messages from balloons.

Scouting patrols in enemy territory kept the intelligence staff informed of every move of the enemy and its strength. Upon the receipt of a new attack or planned attack on its forces, the Div. commander immediately spread messages for a counter attack and action was constant. Gas attacks were frequent and came suddenly.

Chaplain's Report Shows Good Work

The thirteen chaplains of the Dixie Division reached 52 percent of the division's personnel per week during April, it was revealed yesterday by Lt. Col. Chaplain James N. Faulconer, showing conclusively that the spiritual nature of the 31st Division soldier is not being neglected.

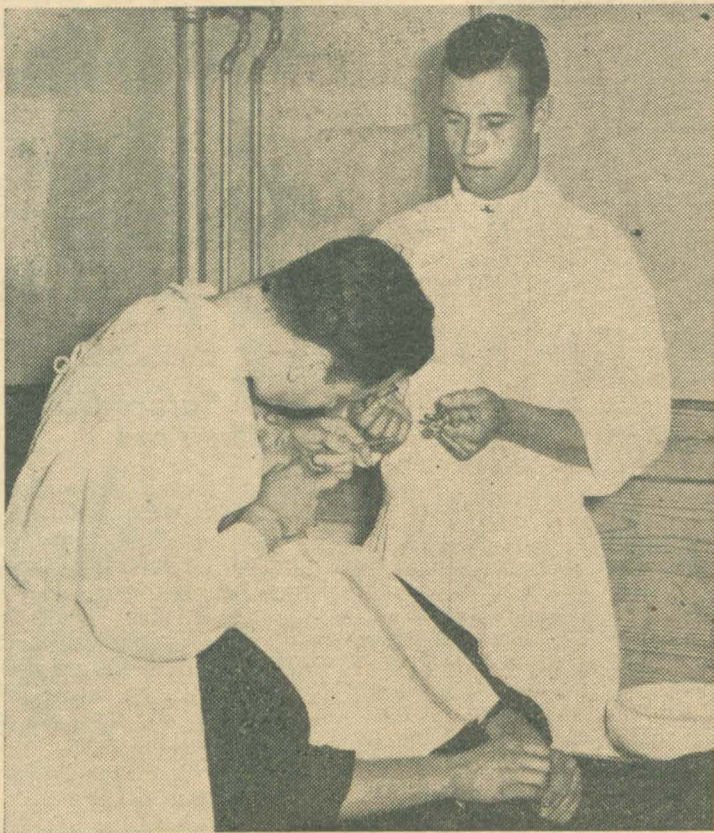
"The chaplains preached 71 sermons, delivered 14 moral lectures, made 276 hospital calls, visited the guardhouse 20 times, conducted 35 mass singings, distributed 2,700 New Testaments, and conducted three weddings, two funerals, five baptisms, 60 confessions of faith, and 299 reconsecrations," Chaplain Faulconer said. He added that special Easter services were held throughout the division, and that arrangements have been made for the observance of Mothers' Day.

Nice Work

Members of the Medical Detachment, 155th Infantry, under the command of Captain Henry C. Dorris, have received a week-end order that they definitely don't begrudge.

It is the duty of the medical care for the sick and afflicted of the 3rd Battalion who might be in Silver Springs over the week-end.

Easy, Doctor . . .



One of those painless dentists you hear so much about in the army, and doing a bit of painless extracting!

Field Rations

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about \$8,000 a day to feed the Dixie Division."

Col. Spengler described the garrison ration. "Under that system the government allowed a certain amount of money per day per man and the company commander could order the food wanted. Consequently menus over the Division were not necessarily uniform." The Colonel stated the Division would probably stay on "Modified A" until it departs for the maneuver area, when the straight A or B field ration will be used. Under the straight A ration no money would be allowed to cater to sectional tastes.

"B field rations are usually issued only in actual field service," Col. Spengler explained, "and is composed entirely of canned and preserved foods." There is a "C field ration" which is six cans of meat, bread, etc., issued daily to the individual soldier.

The "Dixie" takes upon itself the responsibility of warning soldiers not to complain about the food, for Colonel Spengler told of another ration, the D ration—concentrated chocolate bars!

New Machine Does Work Of Ten Men

There are hundreds of smiles in the 106th Engineers Regiment these days.

Proof that the Army doesn't always think of hard work was forthcoming in this regiment when some air compressors arrived for the purpose of lightening the engineers' tasks.

These compressors do everything but talk and sound reveille at 5:45 a. m. The compressor can be used in the erection of bridges, packing dirt, breaking concrete, are equipped with automatic saws and are operated by one machinist and a carpenter.

A nice little toy to have around when the top kick asks you to demolish a barracks or cut various lengths of lumber from that cat-walk.

Hostess House Has Picture Collection

A collection of twenty-four famous original oil paintings photographed and used recently in the Ladies Home Journal are on exhibition in the Hostess House of the 31st Division. This little project is sponsored by the Jacksonville WPA Art Center and Civic Art Institute. The WPA Center (of Jacksonville) will also place displays of famous works throughout the division in the recreation halls and mess halls. Miss Nell Jewell Howze, District Director of the WPA community service program is in charge of this and should be contacted in the event such a collection is desired in your recreation or mess hall.

He Gets "Hot Seat" In Barber's Chair

The "hot foot" is well known in the Army, and Tuesday Pvt. Bob Fowler of Headquarters Battery, 116th Field Artillery, found out about the "hot seat." Fowler, editor of his regiment's triple-weekly "Bulletin Board," was on the receiving end of a haircut delivered by Pvt. Sam Sciurba of the 116th Band in the latter's tent. For the ordeal the editor placed his trusty pipe in its customary place in his rear pocket. A few minutes later Fowler thought he had ants in his pants, but it turned out that they were ONLY on fire. A three-inch hole ruined the pants and we won't say what happened to Fowler. However, he completed his haircut in the standing position.

Triple Named Whiz

Staff Sergeant Isadore Fader, 155th Infantry, returned from the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., enlightened, but still a little dizzy.

Through mistake his name was listed here as Zeder. At Benning it was construed, Fader. So there he was at roll call: Fader, Fider, Zeder.

Izzy is still dizzy.

Big Events

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for the week-end. The 124th Infantry has invited the entire legislative body of the State of Florida to be its guest Saturday and Sunday. The salons have accepted and will sleep in Army tents on Army cots, and eat in the mess halls. They will attend the parade and inspect the camp. Colonel Fred A. Safay, to intensify the memory of Mothers' Day in the minds of his command, prepared a mimeographed letter and personally signed each one. Every man of the 124th received one of the letters with the request that it be mailed to his mother.

The 106th Medical and Engineers will hear Lt. Chaplain A. T. Nolan deliver a special sermon Sunday morning on the subject of "Mothers' Day." The 167th Infantry will hold their "Sweethearts of Alabama" day and hundreds of relatives and friends will come to Blanding from Alabama to spend the day. Plans for entertaining the visitors have been made.

The 114th Field Artillery will give a reception honoring Governor and Mrs. Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi. The regimental commander, Colonel A. G. Paxton, will be host at the officers club. All other regiments have made some plans for Sunday.

Mail Order Love Sent By Surprise

It might be somebody's idea of a joke but it means hard work for two of the men on the receiving end.

The names of Corp. Garland Shell and Pfc. A. W. Bell, Jr., both working in the 156th Inf. regimental postoffice, along with the names of four other members of the 156th's Service Co., were turned into a national "Pen Pal" club. To date, the men in the postoffice have had to handle a stack of letters addressed to them from every state in the Union.

Soldiers whose names were turned in were: "Art" Bell, "Garland" Shell, Top Sarge Francis "Brad" Bradford, Master Sgt. C. D. "Claudie" Petrie, Pfc. Walter "Wally" Hill, and Pfc. Alfred "Creepy" Moss.

First Recreation Tour For 116th Artillery

About 200 enlisted men of the 116th Field Artillery will make an excursion to St. Augustine to view the wonders of this oldest city Sunday, May 18, and they will also visit Marine Studios and other points of interest in that neighborhood. Lt. Woodrow Dickey, the 116th recreation officer, said yesterday.

For the first time Army vehicles will be used by the 116th for recreational purposes, in accordance with a recent Camp Headquarters order permitting the use of Army cars for recreational trips not over 60 miles from the post at the discretion of the regimental commander.

Dixie Notary

Private Jim H. Carter of Company B, 106th Medical regiment is a Notary Public in the State of Florida and says he will be happy to serve soldiers as such if and when they are in need of such service.

Picture History Recorded In 114th

Two of the most active amateur photographers in Camp are Sgt. Major, John C. Taylor and Corp. Harrison Boswell, attached to Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery. Taylor, who hails from Decatur, Miss., and Boswell, from Louisville, Miss., have been taking shots since their arrival in December and their album is almost a complete account of their outfit's activities at Blanding. Already they have equipment worth close to \$200 for their printing and developing and they are adding to their supplies and collection day after day.

Vocalists Win Jobs With 116th Band

Pvt. Graham H. Turberville and Pvt. F. Lanciotte of the 116th and Corp. Meridith Menger of the 155th Infantry were adjudged the best of eight contestants and sang over the air waves with the 116th orchestra on the "Rhythm-aire Friday Night Serenade" from station WRUF in Gainesville Friday night. Another audition will be held May 21 for additional applicants.

Same Old Story

It's the same old story . . . with a new angle.

When asked how he had gotten his black eye last week-end, Corp. Herman Thibeaux, company clerk of Co. H, 156th Inf., replied that he had gotten it OPENING a car door.

FULLER

Funeral services for Adron T. Fuller, 24, a native of Blossburg, Ala., who was accidentally drowned Sunday night in the Halifax River at Daytona Beach, Fla., were held Thursday afternoon in Gardendale, Ala.

Fuller was a Selective Service trainee serving in the Army with the 31st (Dixie) Division here at Camp Blanding. He was assigned with an Alabama regiment, the 167th Infantry, and was in Headquarters Detachment of the Third Battalion.

Saturday and Sunday the Selective Service men of the 167th made a week-end trip to Daytona Beach as a part of the training program. Fuller's body was found in the Halifax River inside the Daytona Beach city limits Monday morning, and his death was attributed to accidental drowning. No inquest was held.

The body was accompanied from Camp Blanding to Jacksonville, Fla., by an honor guard of eight soldiers, friends of Fuller's from his detachment. All are from Birmingham and were 1st Lt. J. L. Wall, commanding officer, Sgt. Major Cheatwood, St. Sgt. Jack Hamil, Corp. B. H. Champion, Corp. Ernest Kinard, and Privates B. Barber, Robt. Brown, Doyle Agans, and Benj. F. Halcomb. The body was shipped by rail from Jacksonville to Gardendale.